

About the Federation

Advocating on behalf of vulnerable children and families since 1969



The **MICHIGAN FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** is a statewide association of private, nonprofit child and family serving agencies, advocacy and coordinating organizations and individuals devoted to protecting children, building families and strengthening communities. The Federation has advocated for necessary and improved services for children and families since 1969.

The Federation's four **staff members represent 60+ years combined experience** in human services, public and private association management and public policy.

Staff are in **daily contact with legislators and government administrators, seeking and obtaining the "early intelligence"** vital to members' positioning themselves in their communities to best serve Michigan's vulnerable children, families and individuals.

The Federation retains the services of the **multi-client lobby firm Public Affairs Associates** whose expertise in the legislative arena helps assure our message is heard by the appropriate policymakers.

The Federation is an **affiliate member of two national associations**—Child Welfare League of America and Alliance for Children and Families. Both groups keep us informed of federal legislation and national trends.

Most importantly, the Federation has the **capacity to develop positions and influence public policy** impacting the extent and nature of services to vulnerable children and families.

The mission

of the Michigan Federation for Children and Families is to unite private, nonprofit human service providers, advocates, customers, individuals and funders to...

- ...influence public policy in support of children, families and individuals reaching their full potential;
- ...identify, develop and implement efficient and effective services to Michigan's most vulnerable children and families; and
- ...support and enhance the ability of Michigan's private, nonprofit agencies to provide human services.

The vision

of the Michigan Federation for Children and Families is to assure Michigan's most vulnerable children, families and individuals have access to and benefit from quality and cost-effective services supported by public and private dollars.

Core values

provide focus and drive decisions for all Federation involvements. The core values transcend treatment methods and are embraced by all members.

Advocacy. We believe advocacy on behalf of Michigan's most vulnerable children, families and individuals in need is a major responsibility of nonprofit human service professionals and volunteers.

Nonprofit status. We believe private, nonprofit agencies provide a special value and contribution to society through their unique links with communities, local governing bodies, charitable funding and missions to serve those in need.

Quality services. We believe services to children, families and individuals in need should be of the highest quality.

Strong families. We believe the future well-being of our society rests on the strengths of its families and individuals.

Racial diversity. We believe respect, dignity, understanding and opportunity are due all humankind.

The private sector plays a vital role in serving human needs in Michigan



Federation member agencies:

- ◆ Employ nearly 9,000 individuals across the state
- ◆ Engage 700+ community and business leaders as members of agency Boards of Directors
- ◆ Activate more than 17,000 volunteers, who generously devote over 700,000 hours of donated service to children and families every year

A vibrant and viable public and private sector network, working in concert, is in the best interest of Michigan's children and families.

The public sector has a unique role to fill, a role which only government can provide. Interfacing with the federal government to secure all available public resources for this work is something best done by the state agency. It is also recognized that the functions of child protective services, contracting, monitoring of contract performance and quality outcomes, achieving federally-established Child and Family Services Review outcomes, and generation of public resources (including building public awareness) are critical to the success of Michigan's child welfare system.

The independent, community-based and accredited private sector provider network is well-suited to provide the direct service with the majority of children and families, given the sector's ability and flexibility to address individual needs of children and families, bringing additional benefits to the recipients of service, adding value which only the private sector can generate and administer.

Michigan's public and private provider networks strive to provide a full scope of resources and services to best meet the needs of children and families in the most timely manner: *the right service at the right time.*

The State of Michigan is responsible for the care and supervision of nearly 18,000 children on any given day.

As of September 30, 2010, 42% (7,138) of the 17,211 children in Michigan's child welfare and juvenile justice systems resided in licensed foster homes (5,391) or residential treatment facilities (1,747). They are boys and girls... ages birth to 18... *facing many challenges!*

As youth prepare to leave the foster care system, many are assisted with the pending transition to adulthood through independent living programs.

For increasing numbers of others, "permanency" is found through adoption.

Licensed private nonprofit agencies in Michigan are the State's partners in providing the care and supervision for these children. Michigan Department of Human Services statistics demonstrate this partnership:

As of September 30, 2010:	Abuse/neglect	Delinquent	Combined	Federation member agencies*
Youth in licensed foster homes:				
Total:	5,309 (100%)	82 (100%)	5,391 (100%)	
Public agencies	1,778 (34%)	49 (60%)	1,827 (33%)	
Private agencies	3,531 (66%)	33 (40%)	3,564 (67%)	2,800 (73%)
Youth in residential treatment:				
Total:	761 (100%)	986 (100%)	1,747 (100%)	
Public agencies	15 (2%)	92 (8%)	107 (6%)	
Private agencies	746 (98%)	894 (91%)	1,640 (94%)	1,086 (63%)
Youth in independent living:				
Total:	1,018 (100%)	49 (100%)	1,067 (100%)	
Public agencies	450 (44%)	31 (63%)	481 (45%)	
Private agencies	568 (56%)	18 (37%)	586 (55%)	
Adoption finalizations in...				
	FY 2008		FY 2009	
Total:	2,739 (100%)		3,030 (100%)	
Public agency (DHS)	1,243 (45.4%)		881 (29%)	
Private agencies	1,496 (54.6%)		2,149 (71%)	
				1,373 (63%)

*These figures represent the approximate portion of the youth served by private agencies that are served by Federation member agencies. Estimates are for youth in care in the summer of 2010, with the exception of the adoption finalizations, which relate to the FY 2009 numbers.

Decisions made in Lansing directly affect vulnerable children and their futures.

Member agencies rally community resources to serve needs



Federation member agencies:

- ◆ Manage operating budgets totalling over \$475 million
- ◆ Generate over \$30 million in private donations every year to help offset operating costs and offer children and families services otherwise unaffordable to them
- ◆ Generate over \$21 million in payroll taxes each year

Advocacy on behalf of vulnerable children and families is our individual and collective responsibility

Specific legislative priorities include:

1. **Reimbursement rates.** The Federation will advocate for necessary resources that allow the membership to meet the requirements of the consent decree while meeting the needs of children.
2. **Aggressively pursue unpaid bills and payment delays from the DHS** dating back to 2003 for services provided.
3. **Advocate for adherence to budget boilerplate section 510**, whereby the DHS shall not be required to put up for bids a contract where the service provider is nationally accredited or is the only provider in the service area.
4. **Work with the DHS in determining the business of contracts**, i.e., how contracts are negotiated, bid, awarded and monitored, and how changes in policy affect contracts.
5. **Continue to advocate for changes in the Child Welfare Training Institute (CWTI) procedures** as per budget boilerplate section 585, which permits accredited agencies to conduct their own staff training.
6. **Out-of-state placements.** Continue to work to keep Michigan's children in Michigan as per budget boilerplate section 513, which states that the DHS shall not spend state dollars to pay for state placement of a child in an out-of-state facility unless appropriate services are not available in state. This will include plans to challenge local judges who promote their discretion in sending children out of state.
7. **Assist our legislative leaders and the administration in developing a comprehensive JJ strategy.**
8. **Work with the Michigan Legislature to implement in Michigan the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act**, including bringing in additional federal dollars to support Michigan youth.

Federation priorities were reflected in the State Budget for FY 2010-2011 as it cleared the House and Senate, including:

- ◆ Providing for a 36% rate increase to adoption rates (outlined in sec. 581) [vetoed by the governor]
- ◆ Maintaining the \$37/day administrative rate for foster care services for private child placing agencies (outlined in sec. 546)
- ◆ Maintaining the \$28/day rate for general independent living services for private child placing agencies (outlined in sec. 546)
- ◆ Providing for an SIL administrative rate no less than the rate paid in FY 08-09
- ◆ Boilerplate language providing for a \$7/day increase in the daily per diem rate for providers of residential services for both juvenile justice and abuse/neglect youth over the rates paid on January 1, 2010 (sec. 726)
- ◆ Maintaining family preservation and reunification program line items

Affiliate and Individual Members join with Agency Members in advocacy efforts



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Federation members serve
thousands of children and
families each year
through...

Agency Members

Service provider agency name

Main office location
City County

North

Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan
Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan
Child & Family Services of the Upper Peninsula
Eagle Village
Good Will Farm
Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan

Alpena
Traverse City
Marquette
Hersey
Houghton
Marquette
Alpena
Grand Traverse
Marquette
Osceola
Houghton
Marquette

West

Bethany Christian Services
D.A. Blodgett-St. John's
Catholic Charities West Michigan
Family Outreach Center
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
Wedgwood Christian Services

Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids
Kent
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Central

Adoption Option, Inc.
Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties
Child & Family Services, Capital Area
Highfields, Inc.
Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan
St. Vincent Catholic Charities
Whaley Children's Center

Midland
Flint
Lansing
Onondaga
Bay City
Lansing
Flint
Midland
Genesee
Ingham
Ingham
Bay
Ingham
Genesee

South

Family & Children Services, Inc.
Family Counseling & Children's Services
of Lenawee Co.
Family Service & Children's Aid
Holy Cross Children's Services
The Manor
Starr Commonwealth

Kalamazoo
Adrian
Jackson
Clinton
Jonesville
Albion
Kalamazoo
Lenawee
Jackson
Lenawee
Hillsdale
Calhoun

Southeast

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County
Childhelp
Children's Center of Wayne County
Christ Child House
Federation of Youth Services
Forever Families
Girlstown Foundation
Homes for Black Children
Judson Center
LDS Social Services—Michigan Detroit Agency
Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
Matrix Human Services
Promise Village: Home for Children
St. Louis Center
Spaulding for Children
Vista Maria

Pontiac
Rochester Hills
Detroit
Detroit
Detroit
Novi
Belleville
Detroit
Royal Oak
Farmington Hills
Detroit
Detroit
Holly
Chelsea
Southfield
Dearborn Heights
Oakland
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Washtenaw
Oakland
Wayne

Affiliate Members

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan
Michigan Association for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents
Michigan Home-Based Family Services Association
Michigan State University School of Social Work

Adoption

- Voluntary release and direct consent
- Special needs
- Interstate and international
- Pregnancy services
- Court-appointed intermediary on site
- Post-adoption services
- Post-legal adoption services
- Pre-placement assessments

Adventure-based program

- Agency clients only
- Available to business community

Community-based services

- Community center
- Families First
- In-home family treatment
- Supervised independent living/ transitional living program
- Reintegration services for delinquents
- Wraparound services

Corrections program—adults

- Counseling for ex-felons and families
- Reintegration services for ex-felons
- Residential services for ex-felons

Day care for children

Day treatment

Education

- Assessment and placement
- Classes to supplement public education
- On-grounds school
- Scholarship program

Emergency shelters

- Domestic violence shelter
- Emergency shelter
- Runaway/homeless shelter

Employee assistance program

Employment program

- Job training and placement

Family services

- Community outreach
- Counseling—family, individual, group
- Domestic violence/sexual assault program
- Eating disorder program
- Family/community life skills/education
- Family assessment and referral services
- Homemaker service
- Parenting skills training
- Teen parent program

Foster care

- Medical
- Independent living
- Teen mother/baby

Refugee resettlement service

Residential treatment

- Maternity residence
- Group homes for developmentally disabled children and adults
- Group homes and non-secure residential facility for abused/neglected youth
- Residential facility for delinquent youth —non-secure, medium secure, high secure

Respite care

- Emergency respite
- Planned respite

Senior services

- Senior aides/companions
- Senior day care
- Senior in-home care
- Senior respite care
- Foster grandparent
- Nursing home
- Housing assistance

Substance abuse services

- Adolescent services
- Ambulatory detox
- Assessment and referral
- Outpatient
- Prevention services
- Residential

Volunteer programs

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Mentoring
- Fund raising activities
- Tutoring
- Special events
- Gift giving
- Clerical



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